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LAST GAME OF
BASE BALLPleasure Grounds Will Be
Sold Off in Lots

Last Sunday's game between Gresham and St. Johns was the last one that will ever be played on the Hill grounds in all probability. Monday Paschel Hill began tearing the fence down and will sell the ground off in lots. The land has become too valuable for ball grounds, and the terms of the lease paid a very low percentage on the value of the real estate, so hereafter it will cease to be a place where one may go to witness a struggle between two ball teams. The few faithful fans regret exceedingly the destruction of its ball park as it was admirably located and was well adapted in every way for playing the National game. Paschel, an old and enthusiastic base ball fan himself, also greatly regrets the fact that the ball grounds on this location must hereafter cease to exist, and would have been only too glad to have kept it intact had he been able to secure a fair compensation for its use. The attendance this year, as a criterion of what it will be next year, did not, however, justify its perpetuation, and, therefore, the end has come.

Never again on these grounds will the welkin ring with the joyous shouts of the victorious, never more will the life of the umpire be made miserable, never again will the penitence, but enthusiastic youngster perch upon the fence top and give the players the benefit of his exhaustive vocabulary, never again will the knot holes in the fence be filled with eyes turning around like a pin wheel in order to follow the course of a ball, never again will the shrill cries of the female rooter fill the atmosphere with melodious music, never again will the uniformed players come trooping over the grounds and make the heart of the spectator beat a little faster—all gone never to return and only a memory will remain of the many battles fought and won. The march of progress has reached and enveloped the pleasure ground and the rabid fan must look elsewhere to vent his pent-up emotions. Progression, taou art, sometimes, a destroyer as well as an upbuilder.

Commercial Club Meet

The regular meeting of the St. Johns Commercial club convened at the usual hour Wednesday evening, and after reading minutes of previous meeting formally proceeded with the business on hand. Secretary Wolcott read several important communications from various sections of the country of interest to the people of St. Johns. A reply from the trolley company in answer to Secretary Wolcott's letter concerning the annoyance given Jersey street business men by unnecessary use of car whistles informed the club that the matter would receive the immediate attention of the main office. A request was received from Albany Commercial club for a list of the names of citizens of this vicinity who are interested in apple culture and who would like to become exhibitors at the Third Annual Apple fair to be held in that city Oct. 26-28. Now, apple raisers, get busy.

After reading of communications the members present entered into general discussion upon the most efficient manner of advertising this city's great advantages, but until further information can be obtained in regard to offers from certain advertising mediums no conclusive plans can be agreed upon. The Commercial club is faithfully working with untiring zeal for the progress of St. Johns, and is doing good work all along the line.

Big Doings

Remember the K. of P. picnic to be held at Metzger Park Thursday, Sept. 23. Every man, woman and child in St. Johns who can do so should be in attendance at this joyous event. Nothing is being left undone to make it a pronounced success in every particular. See large posters for further information.

OBJECT TO ITS
LOCATIONWater Tower Must Re-
move From Streets

At the request of ex-Mayor W. H. King a special meeting of the city council was called last Thursday evening to consider the act of the St. Johns Lumber Co. in erecting a water tower with cement piers on Bradford and Burlington streets. Mr. King claimed that the company had no rights whatever on Bradford street, although it practically monopolized it along its holdings, and that its rights, if it had any on Burlington street, did not permit of its placing such structures upon it. He said that the placing of the cement piers on Bradford street would mean the practical ownership of the street by the mill company perpetually and would keep the O. R. & N. from building sidetracks thereon for the use of the public.

Councilman Cook believed that the mill company had room enough on its own property on which to erect a water tower and should not be allowed to block up the public thoroughfares. Councilman A. W. Davis believed that Bradford street should be kept open, but since the mill company was willing to lease Burlington street at a nominal rental, and since the city had no earthly use for that portion of the street at this time, he favored leasing it to the company. He contended that council and the citizens in general would be willing to favor another company in every way possible in order to secure a new industry of the immensity of the St. Johns mills, and since the mill was here it was entitled to as much as a new concern could hope to receive. Councilman C. L. Johnson said he believed in helping the company in any proper way, but not at the expense of the public in the matter of switching facilities.

Upon vote of the council it was decided to notify the lumber company to remove the cement piers from both streets, and that a lease of Burlington street can only be effected with the understanding that it is to be kept in the same condition as at present.

The company was notified of this action Friday morning and work on the tower was at once discontinued.

Want It Real Bad

A petition is being circulated by the citizens of St. Johns and the Peninsula to extend the north loop of the St. Johns line from Smith's Crossing to Kenton to connect with the Kenton line. The proposed route has been viewed by the officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and they are said to be favorably considering the plan. With the proposed extension, the Lower Albina line will be operated to St. Johns by way of Kenton, McKenna Junction and Maegley Junction, and the present line operated the same as before, with the exception of running around the loop from the North Bank road to St. Johns and the greater portion of the Peninsula would receive splendid service.

Building Permits

No. 67—To the Roberts Construction Co. to erect a brick building on Jersey street between Burlington and Chicago streets for W. F. Stine; estimated cost \$2500.

No. 68—To Chas. Johnson to erect a dwelling on Hartman street between Gilbert and Myers streets; estimated cost \$900.

No. 69—To Kelley & Mahoney to erect a pressed brick high school for school district No. 2 on Hayes street between Tacoma and Philadelphia streets; estimated cost \$33,625.

L. B. Chapman is erecting a modern poultry house 20x74 feet for the raising of thoroughbreds. There is little doubt but that Mr. Chapman will make splendid success of the poultry business, it having been his hobby for some time. At the present price of poultry and eggs is can not very well help but prove a paying proposition if handled rightly.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

"WHITE ELEPHANT" UP FOR SALE

City Dock Will Soon be Advertised for Sale--Council Orders
An Ordinance Drawn Covering Vacation of Part
of Philadelphia Street on Dock Site

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members present and the mayor in the chair. After the minutes of the previous regular and special meetings were read and approved, a petition from a number of property owners along Polk street was taken up. The document asked for the improvement of this thoroughfare to the river with crushed rock and cement sidewalks. It provides for an outlet for A. S. Benson, who has agreed to stand for a large percentage of the cost thereof. A resolution was ordered drawn directing the engineer to make the necessary plans, specifications and estimates for the improvement of same.

M. A. Bitgood was present at the meeting and asked that action be taken in regard to placing the grade of Thompson street where it should be. The engineer was instructed to proceed with the establishment of the grade as desired.

V. W. Mason asked for an extension of fifteen days time on the completion of the improvement work on Portland boulevard owing to the difficulty in securing material when wanted. Extension granted.

A warm and highly interesting debate occurred upon the request of J. T. Murphy of the Modern Machine Works for possession of a key to the city dock. He was immediately asked by the Mayor if he would stand responsible for the safety of the building. Mr. Murphy agreed to guarantee that the place would be kept locked while the key was in his possession, but would not be responsible further. Chief of Police Brodeson made a strong protest against granting the request on the grounds that if Mr. Murphy was given a key there were others also entitled to the same privilege, the dock being as it is a public affair. As there are only two keys in possession of the city, this would be a difficult matter. The insurance regulations call for a regular watchman or otherwise key must be kept in the hands

of a responsible party with official authority. Mr. Murphy stated that he paid his taxes and was entitled to some consideration, and that the key being kept at the city hall it made it decidedly unhandy to go there for it whenever it was required. The matter was finally settled on motion of Councilman S. L. Doble that one of the special policemen be employed to open and close the dock morning and evenings and that key be kept in his possession. Some of the councilmen favor closing the dock to all until it is disposed of one way or another, while others favor keeping it open and collecting dockage charges for all who use it. While it is a public dock, it is not necessarily a free dock, because some provision must be made for wear and tear, interest, insurance, etc., and it does not seem right that the public in general should maintain the dock for the benefit of a few unless they pay for the privilege.

The committee on looking up the wording of the O. R. & N. franchise on Bradford street made their report, which was accepted and ordered filed by council. It may be found in another column.

Discussion of street work in general followed and many good suggestions were advanced by different members of the body. The arduous question was also the subject of serious consideration as regarding location, number yet required, etc., but arrangements of a definite nature were not arrived at.

No bids being received for the proposed improvement of South Jersey street, motion was made and carried that same be re-advertised at once. It may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Bills to the amount of \$71.25 were allowed.

A resolution for the improvement of Portland boulevard, Fessenden to Thompson street, was adopted and published in this issue.

The city dock proposition was discussed and motion was made by

Councilman Cook that the sale of same be advertised, as required by the city charter. Motion was carried 5 to 2. The necessity was explained by Alderman A. W. Davis of vacating that portion of Philadelphia street occupied by the dock, and an ordinance will be drawn in readiness for next Tuesday's meeting. At the present time that portion of the street covered by the dock is practically vacated, and an ordinance will make it legally so. The charter provides, however, that it can only be vacated for a certain purpose, and it reverts back to the city if this provision is violated. Therefore, under the vacation it may only be used for dock purposes.

Engineer Andrew was present with a complaint in regard to sewerage on Jersey street. Repairs ordered to be made at once.

On motion of Councilman J. W. Davis the street committee was instructed to urge faster service on the part of the rock crusher contractor, work progressing with far less speed than agreed upon. Motion carried.

St. Johns being entitled to two delegates to the Deep Waterways Convention to be held in New Orleans October 7th, the mayor appointed J. E. Hiller and Dr. S. C. Cook as the delegates to represent this city. These two gentlemen, who, by the way, are constructed on the Taft style, were immediately made victims of a finished roasting from their fellow solons. They were charged with having a "pull" with the mayor and that they were selected because they fell into the deep water ways they were more liable to float out, while Councilman Johnson insinuated that it was only a blind to hide a south pole expedition which they had in view, since one Dr. Cook had found one of the poles it was only fitting that another Dr. Cook should discover the other. Messrs. Cook and Hiller attributed all this to jealousy, however, and contended that they were going anyway.

Schools Opened Monday

The St. Johns schools opened Monday with practically the same attendance as last year. Many are away in the hopyards, and a full attendance is not expected much before October 1, by which time the new grade school will be in readiness. This new school is practically finished now, but lacks some plumbing fixtures. The employment of a musical supervisor was so successful last year that this position has been continued and a drawing teacher added. The science department of the High School has been improved by the purchase of \$250 worth of apparatus for the laboratory. German has also been added to this course, thus giving St. Johns a full-fledged and up-to-date four-year high school course. W. F. Wollenhaupt, who has been secured to teach the new German department, is said to be unexcelled in his line, as is Miss McDaniels, the new supervisor of drawing.

Superintendent Boyd has many new teachers under his charge this year, but all have been selected from the best material obtainable, and he says the entire corps is the strongest ever secured for St. Johns. The list of teachers and the grades to which they have been assigned follows:

Charles H. Boyd, superintendent and principal of Central building; Clara A. Boss, principal of High School and teacher Latin department; Miss Boss has for her assistants Ethel B. Rundall, department of English; Edith Den Blyken, Mathematics; Charles A. Fry, science; W. P. Wollenhaupt, German and ninth grade.

The grade teachers in the High School building are Edna Hayes, fourth grade; Elsie Pratt, third grade; Madge Dunn, second grade; Nellie Stevens first grade.

Professor Boyd has for assistants in the Central School, Anna B. Clark, eighth grade; Mrs. M. F. Burghdoff, seventh; Mrs. L. G. Fisher, sixth; Edith Van Vleet, fifth; A.; Edna

To Be Better Than Ever

Portland will hold its annual Rose Festival next June as usual. This was decided during the week at a meeting of the directors of the Rose Festival Association when President Hoyt and Manager Hutchins were re-elected for another year. Plans have already been taken up for the 1910 show and exceptional features are promised. Among the most prominent attractions likely to be brought here is a contest of flying machines. Correspondence has been opened with a number of noted aviators of this country and Europe with the result that prizes will be hung up that will assure this city of some exciting speed contests in the air. The automobile races, too, are expected to be better than ever and will be authorized by the Automobile Association of America. In addition to these big events, there will be a lavish showing of Oregon's floral wealth in masses of roses and other features that promise to make the 1910 festival especially notable.

What is said to be the very highest price ever paid for an apple crop anywhere has just been closed for the Hood River and Mosier Valley yields. J. A. Steinhart, of the fruit-buying firm of Steinhart & Kelly, New York City, visited both districts the past week and contracted for the entire yield of the Mosier and Hood River valleys at better than \$2.50 per box. As the total crop will run up to about 150 carloads, the contract just made will put more than \$300,000 into the pockets of apple growers in these two districts.

Bailey, fifth B; Evangeline Quigley, fifth A; Emma Clanton, fourth B and A; Alda Overstreet, fourth A and third B; Fannie Loller, third B and A; Verne Ponner, third A and second B; May Haley, second A; Viola Peddicord, first B; Evangeline Hart, first A; Mrs. E. L. Covert, music supervisor; Miss McDaniels, drawing supervisor.—Telegram.

Filling Up Rapidly

The vacant wheat lands of Central Oregon are being filled up at an unprecedented rate, the coming of railroads to the Deschutes being the cause of a big boom in wheat growing in that great undeveloped country. During the past week a record trip was made into the vacant lands about Bend by a party of settlers who went overland from Corvallis by auto. The trip was made from Corvallis to Bend, 150 miles, in one day and the next morning members of the party filed on 320 acre homesteads near Bend and will engage in wheat growing. A tract of land of 250,000 acres in that district has just been included in the new 320-acre homestead law and is proving very attractive to settlers.

A Distressing Accident

John Paul, an 11 year old lad residing on Myers street, met with a serious and painful accident Wednesday afternoon. He found a dynamite cap where the workmen had left it when blowing stumps at Cedar Park, and he tried to explode it by pounding it with a stone. Failing in this he stuffed a piece of paper in it and set it afire. This had the desired effect, and the result was the loss of one eye and a badly mangled thumb. The lad is a bright little fellow and has been a carrier boy for the Portland News for some time. The calamity that has overtaken him is sincerely regretted by all. Dr. Vincent is in attendance.

Jobes Milling Co. announces a reduction of practically one dollar a barrel on their new wheat flour. Their famous Vim is gradually becoming a household favorite in many homes in the Northwest. The reduction announced will be far from sorrowful news to the man with a large family and a small pocketbook.

MAKE A FIERCE
RACKETThe Conductors May Soon
Lose Their Whistle

The noisy conductors on the street cars with their infernal producers of insomnia and disturbers of the public peace have at last aroused the ire of almost all the residents along the car line from Piedmont to St. Johns. It seems that some of the conductors take particular delight in making as much unnecessary noise as possible along the route with their whistles, and apparently, if they cannot sleep themselves they are not willing that any one else shall as long as an ear splitting racket will keep them from so doing. It is now so written that this music must cease. The ears of the powers that be have at last been reached and the promise given that "the matter will be looked into at once," which is taken to mean that the noise producers will hear something drop from higher up. The Commercial club of St. Johns and a number of the citizens of University Park and along the Peninsula have written the management concerning the deplorable habit the conductors have developed and relief is expected soon. It is a decided nuisance to the business men here to try and talk to a customer when the conductors commence to warm up. It is the cause of more profanity than a poor working telephone system. Portland does not stand for it, and the Peninsula does not intend to longer than is absolutely necessary. If the conductors must make a noise it would be well for the management to present them each with a tin rattle. They could amuse themselves with it, and so far as the necessity is concerned will answer just as well.

Making Fine Progress

The Portland Gas Co. has been making fine progress in the way of laying their pipes and mains through the principal streets of St. Johns. The building next to the First National bank has been secured and an underground office will soon be installed therein. Quite a number of our citizens have signed contracts for the installation of gas, and prospects look particularly bright for doing a fine business in St. Johns. Many people, however, are holding back until they see for themselves how the service and costliness compare with other kinds of lighting and heating. The use of gas is quite unfamiliar with some of our residents and they will have to see it in use before applying for it themselves. That it will become a large sized factor in the heating and lighting of the homes of the people of St. Johns there cannot be any doubt, and the new innovation is heartily welcomed to our municipality.

Doing Good Business

Dr. Hartel, the pioneer dentist of this city, has a card in this issue. The Dr. has by skillful and conscientious work established a patronage here of large dimensions, and the list is constantly increasing. Thoroughly skilled in all branches of his profession, genial and accommodating, he is well deserving of a full share of the public patronage. Our people are beginning to realize that it is entirely unnecessary to go to Portland for good dental work, because they can secure just as good service and sometimes better in St. Johns than elsewhere. Both Dr. Hartel and Rambo are enjoying a pleasing patronage from Portsmouth, University and other points along the Peninsula, and there is no good reason why they should not command the entire patronage of the people of St. Johns.

L. W. Brunson has abandoned his boot and shoe repair shop on Philadelphia street for the present and has donned the barber's garb. He is now to be found at Geo. Hall's shaving emporium on Jersey street. Mr. Brunson has spent over a quarter of a century as a tonsorial artist, and he has no superiors in this profession.

A GREAT GAME
SUNDAYGresham Gets a Game it
Did Not Deserve

What was generally considered to be the most interesting and exciting game of ball ever played on the local grounds happened last Sunday afternoon. The Gresham lads were the opponents of Manager Valentine's band of Apostles, and from start until the finish in the tenth inning the game was replete with exciting situations. Gresham won finally by a score of 4 to 3, but they were far from earning the victory. After blanking the visitors in the first inning the Apostles, by clean hitting, scored one run. Rich Parrott, the tall sycamore formerly with the Frakes, and, by the way, the best outfielder outside the major leagues, brought the runner in from second with a Texas leaguer over short. He also covered center field for the locals in a faultless manner. In the second inning Gresham succeeded in scoring two runs after two men were down. The third man up was given his base on balls and stole second on account of Adams dropping a perfect and timely throw from Pembroke. Had he held the ball the runner would easily have been retired and no runs would have resulted. The next batter sent a grounder to Schaffer at third who made a good stop and threw well to first, but the first baseman let the ball slip through his fingers and it rolled past him for several yards allowing one run and placing a man on second. The following batsman drove a single out to right and on a poor throw to home plate another run came in. The next batter, however, was an easy out. It was particularly galling to the spectators and Pitcher Olney that two runs were scored this inning when two easy chances were afforded of retiring the side without a run. In the fifth inning Parrott led off with a hit to right, was sacrificed to second and scored on a drive along the left foul line. In the seventh inning Umpire Washburn of Albina, who had been doing fine work until that time, gave Gresham a run by declaring a runner safe at first when he was out by a yard at least. The error of judgment was so palpable to the spectators that they jeered him to a finish. The first baseman also vigorously protested the decision, and he ordered him off the field. He refused to do this, however, and stayed in the game until the finish. A hit and two sacrifices brought the runner home, when even the Gresham fans admitted that he should have been called out. The crowd applied the tongue lash to Washburn to such an extent that his temper would not stand for more, and he retired from the game at the end of the half, and another Albina man took his place. In the ninth the home team again tied the score by timely hitting, but the visitors scored again in the tenth on a rather bad throw from left field to third. The Apostles were not equal to the occasion and the game went to Gresham by the close score of 4 to 3.

Pitcher Olney, for the locals, pitched a superb game all the way through and fully deserved to win. Townsend, the Gresham twirler, also did splendidly and made the heavy batters of the Apostles fan the air, some of them several times. The Gresham fans were exuberant over the result, and while they realized that the game was unearned, they were exceedingly happy just the same, and rubbed it into the local fans in an unfeeling manner.

This concluded a series of three games between the Apostles and the Gresham lads, the latter winning two by the closest possible margin. The series was played for a purse of \$100, which as the result proved will not be distributed among the local players.

Vacant lands of the state are being settled in a way that has never before been equalled. A private land company is opening up a huge tract around Lakeview, the purchasers of contracts now being on hand there in large numbers to take part in the drawing. September 15th started the Fall colonist movement from the East, and thousands of new settlers will reach the state to make their permanent homes here.